Violation of Airlines Rules

2675. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that airlines bend rules to benefit Minister's wife as reported in the Indian Express dated the 15th August, 2002; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of the persons, who got benefited under the amended airlines rules during the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the amended rules have insulted the senior Air Hostesses and caused unrest in the mind of seniors; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to set right the things?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Study on Aircraft Requirement

2676. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 400 aircrafts would be needed over the next twenty years;

(b) if so, whether any study has been made in this regard; and

(c) what will be the likely cost of the aircrafts and Government's share therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) Although no formal study has been carried out by the Ministry/Directorate General of Civil Aviation have estimated that domestic and international air traffic is likely to grow @ 5% in the long term. On this basis, total traffic will increase by 2.65 times over the next twenty years.

At present both domestic and international scheduled operators in India have 139 aircraft on register. Going by the above estimates, India